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Dear Dr. Hewlett:

In continuance of the Department of State's "Foreign Relations" publications program described in my letter to you of April 26, 1969, we now submit the attached galley proof from "Foreign Relations, 1947, Volume I, General" (galley pages 257 ART - 266 TIL and 329 TIL - 437 TIL). These documents are concerned of course with the international relations of atomic energy for the year 1947.

The Department of State requests the concurrence of the Atomic Energy Commission in the printing of such documents in the attached galley pages as appear to be of peculiar interest to the Atomic Energy Commission in terms of the national interest on the basis of Department of State Regulation 2 FAM, 1350, June 15, 1961, a copy of which is enclosed. The same documentation is being submitted to the Department of Defense for appropriate clearance; and permission to print documents originating with friendly foreign governments is obtained before publication, in accordance with long-standing practice. It would be appreciated if your review might be completed within the three months normally allocated for clearance by other interested bodies, including foreign governments.

Dr. Richard G. Hewlett, Chief Historian
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Washington, D. C.

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As noted in our correspondence earlier this year, this is uncorrected proof and typographical errors may be ignored. It would be helpful however if any errors of substance were noted in the margin of the galleys.

Sincerely yours,

S. Everett Gleason
Chief, Foreign Relations Division
Historical Office

Enclosures:

1. Galley pages 257 AMI - 266 TIL and 329 TIL - 437 TIL;
2. Copy of Department of State Regulation 2 FAM, 1350, of June 15, 1961;
3. Classification Notice.

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1350 DOCUMENTARY RECORD OF
AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

1351 Scope of Documentation

The publication Foreign Relations of the United States, Diplomatic Papers, constitutes the official record of the foreign policy of the United States. These volumes include, subject to necessary security considerations, all documents needed to give a comprehensive record of the major foreign policy decisions within the range of the Department of State's responsibilities, together with appropriate materials concerning the facts which contributed to the formulation of policies. When further material is needed to supplement the documentation in the Department's files for a proper understanding of the relevant policies of the United States, such papers should be obtained from other Government agencies.

1352 Editorial Preparation

The basic documentary diplomatic record to be printed in Foreign Relations of the United States, Diplomatic Papers, shall be edited by the Historical Office, Bureau of Public Affairs of the Department of State. The editing of the record shall be guided by the principles of historical objectivity. There shall be no alteration of the text, no deletions without indicating where in the text the deletion is made, and no omission of facts which were of major importance in reaching a decision. Nothing shall be omitted for the purpose of concealing or glossing over what might be regarded by some as a defect of policy. However, certain omissions of documents are permissible for the following reasons:

- a. To avoid publication of matters which would tend to impede current diplomatic negotiations or other business.
- b. To condense the record and avoid repetition of needless details.
- c. To preserve the confidence reposed in the Department by individuals and by foreign governments.
- d. To avoid giving needless offense to other nationalities or individuals.
- e. To eliminate personal opinions presented in despatches and not acted upon by the Department. To this consideration there is one qualification--in connection with major decisions it is desirable, where possible, to show the alternatives presented to the Department before the decision was made.

1353 Clearance

To obtain appropriate clearances of material to be published in Foreign Relations of the United States, Diplomatic Papers, the Historical Office shall:

- a. Refer to the appropriate policy offices of the Department and of other agencies of the Government such papers as appear to require policy clearance.
- b. Refer to the appropriate foreign governments requests for permission to print as part of the diplomatic correspondence of the United States those previously unpublished documents which were originated by the foreign governments.

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